WENDT JULIA BRACKEN

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Statues of Abraham Lincoln

Julia Bracken Wendt

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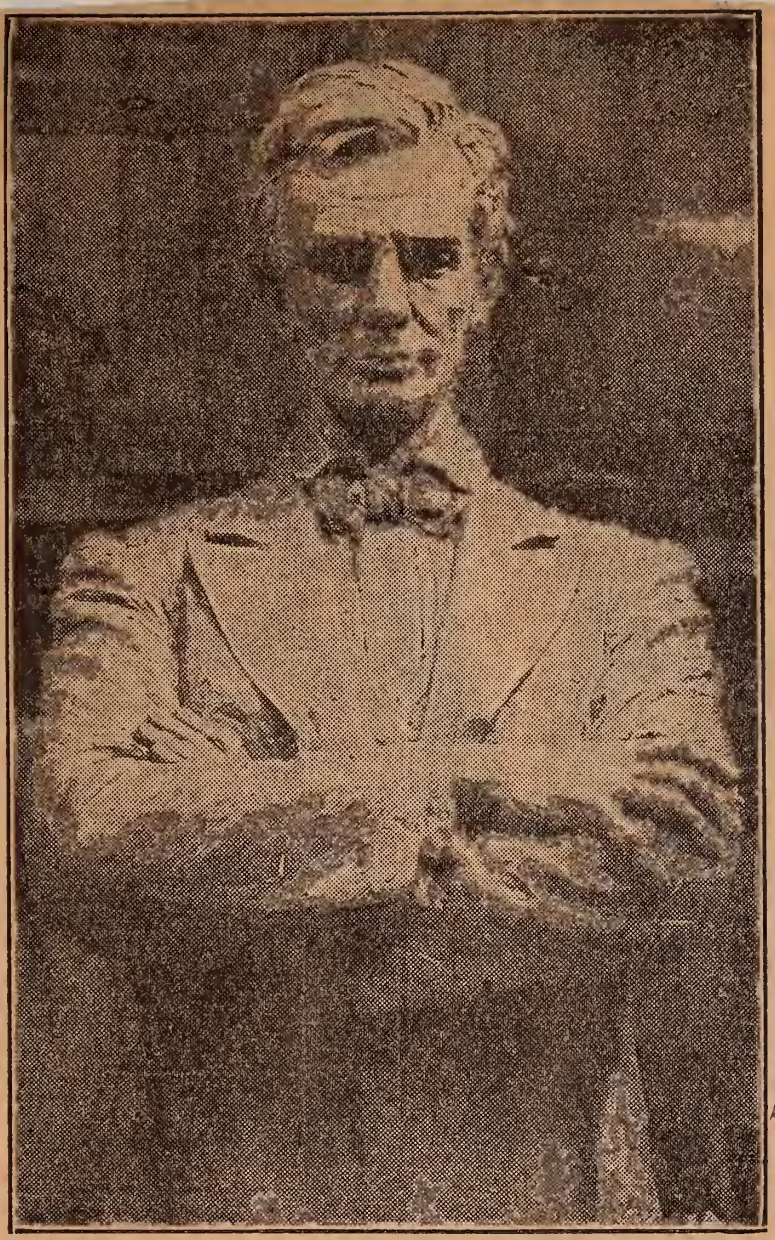

DR. BRIDGE'S GIFT!—Statue of Abraham Lincoln to Be Unveiled in Lincoln Park Here Tomorrow Afternoon. The Sculpture Is the Work of Julia Bracken Wendt and Is the Gift of the Late Dr. Norman Bridge.—Photo by George E. Hurrell. Los Angeles Examiner 7-3-26

LINCOLN STATUE UNVEILED

Emancipator Honored

Crowd at Park See Flag Rise Over Bronze

Fully 8000 persons attended the unveiling of the Lincoln statue in Lincoln Park yesterday afternoon. It was an impressive ceremony with the raising of a flag which simultaneously unveiled the monument and threw Old Glory open to the winds. The Golden State Band played "The Star Spangled Banner" and the audience stood at attention and with uncovered heads.

Dr. Charles Lummis, long a friend of the late Dr. and Mrs. Norman Bridge, donors of the statue, made a brief talk, as did Mrs. Sloan Orcutt, who was instrumental in having the Bridges provide the gift.

Mrs. Julia Bracken Wendt, sculptress, formally presented the work and it was formally received by H. H. Kinney, secretary to Mayor Cryer, on behalf of the city.

Fred H. True of the Board of Park Commissioners, was the speaker. Mrs. Mabel V. Socha, vice-president of the board, presided over the event.

TODAY'S BIBLE TEXT

"God looked down from heaven upon the children of men, to see if there were any that did understand, that did seek God." Psalms liii, 1.

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Bust by Julia B Wendt Lincoln Park Los Angeles

Mr Barker in picture

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July 16, 1930.

Miss Ethel Henneford, Assistant Director,
Lincoln National Life Insurance Company,
Fort Wayne, Indiana.

My dear Miss Heneford,

Your letter was given to me to answer.

I am enclosing a biographical sketch of David Edstrom, which may be of use to you. We find no mention of his bust of Lincoln, nor do we find a local address. It might be possible to get in touch with him through Mr. Millier of the Los Angeles Times.

The only statue of Lincoln in the city is a bust by Julia Bracken Wendt. This is in Lincoln Park. It is reproduced on page 83 of the report of the Municipal Art Commission. You could probably get a copy of this report by writing to Elizabeth Black, General Manager, Room 202 of the City Hall.

Ella Buchanan lives at 1539 North Edgemont Street, Los Angeles.

I am sorry that I could not get in touch with either artist, but I hope that this information will provide an opening.

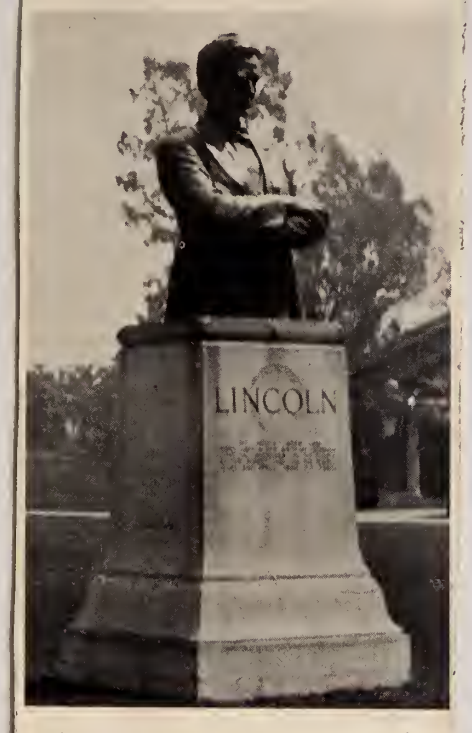
Very truly yours,

Gladys Caldwell

Gladys Caldwell
Principal of Music
and Art Dept.

Art in Sculpture and Poetry

I wonder how many people have noticed, in Lincoln Park, the really fine bust of Abraham Lincoln, done by Julia Bracken Wendt, of this city? It is not so large a cast as that of the St. Gaudens' statue in Chicago's Lincoln Park, but fully as fine, I think, and as masterly in execution. So believes my friend, Ernest McGaffey, who well knows the St. Gaudens' work



in the north shore park by Lake Michigan. Last Sunday Mr. McGaffey went out to our Lincoln Park and was so impressed by Mrs. Wendt's splendid conception of the Great Emancipator that he wrote a poem to the talented sculptor, which I am privileged to print on this page. Both the poem and the bronze bust are unquestioned works of art:

LINCOLN

Mellow as molten moonlight, softly falls
The noon-day sunshine, sifted through the trees;
And winds sigh faintly in forgotten keys
Across wide lawns that cushion nature's halls.
A bird flits past; a child's voice sudden calls
And solitary sentinelled, one sees
A virile figure, noble in its ease,
Whose rugged face the gazer's soul enthralls.

Lincoln the martyr! Lincoln of all men
Rail-splitter, voyageur and spirit rare,
By fate and tragedy set twice apart;
Here in strong bronze to rise and live again
Due homage, and a Nation's love to share,
Doubly immortal through a sculptor's art.

Los Angeles —ERNEST McGAFFEY

BLAKESLEE

Wendt Slater

THE WENDT STUDIOS
2814 NORTH SICHEL ST.
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

July 9, 1930

Mrs. H. E. Bradley,
1922 So Hobart Blvd.
Los Angeles.

Dear Mrs. Bradley: Thank you very much for your letter of July 5th and for giving me Miss Osborne's address, I will write to her the coming week.

Yes, I am the same Julia Bradley, formerly of "Galena Illinois", though I was born at Apple River Ills. (Julia Bradley) Miss Osborne is probably interested in the name by seeing it on the Statue of "Illinois Welcoming the Nations", in the State Capitol Building at Springfield, I modeled it when I was twenty, a long time ago, it stood in the Illinois State Building at the World's Columbian Exposition in Chicago in 1892-3 and was presented to the State, at the close of the Exposition by the "Woman's Exposition Board."

I remember meeting you at Lincoln Park, and hope we may meet again. Many thanks for your kindness, and with best wishes

Sincerely Yours
Julia Bradley Wendt

THE WENDT STUDIOS

2814 NORTH SICHEL ST.
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

August 6, 1930

Mr H. E. Barker, 1922 So. Hobart Blvd. Los Angeles.

Dear Mr. Barker:

This will introduce to you Mr. David Griesbach who will show you a head of Lincoln ("without the beard.") I happened to think of this head after our conversation over the phone yesterday, and as I consider it a good likeness of Lincoln (and well done) thought it might be just what you want as it is about fourteen inches high. I am interested in Mr Griesbach's work, and believe he is making good. You will not be disappointed in entrusting any work you want done, to him. I have never been disappointed in him, and would be pleased to see him succeed.

Yours Very Sincerely
Julia Bracken Wendt

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